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PRESIDENT IS PLEASED

Glad an American Was the First to Reach North Pole

IS NOW WAITING VERIFICATION

Will Send a Message to Congress

Mrs. Cook Says She Was Very Confident

London Papers Refuse to Credit the Discovery by Dr. Cook, Claiming There Were No Witnesses Aside From the Eskimos—It Seems to be a Case of "Sour Grapes."

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 2.—President Taft is immensely pleased over the achievement of Dr. Cook in planting the stars and stripes at the top of the world. Although he will make no formal statement until the discovery is verified, he does not conceal the fact that he is greatly gratified that an American captured the prize. As soon as some official verification of the north pole's discovery reaches him here, he will issue a statement expressing his satisfaction over the results and will send a message to congress for congratulation to the explorer.

New York, Sept. 2.—Mrs. Dr. Frederick A. Cook, wife of the explorer, today sent the following telegram to the United Press:

"Brunswick, Maine, Sept. 2nd. "United Press, New York: "My faith has never wavered and I am glad my judgment of my husband's ability has been vindicated." (Signed)

"MRS. DR. FRED A. COOK. The telegram was in answer to one sent by the United Press to Mrs. Cook asking for an expression on her husband's achievement.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 2.—"Have placed the stars and stripes on the north pole."

This message was received from Dr. Cook yesterday by Mrs. J. Martz, of Redlands, according to a statement today made by Santa Clara, of the college of San Jose, who said Mrs. Martz telephoned him that she received a message from Cook yesterday, explaining that when Cook started north he agreed to cable her from the first cable station. If he ever found the north pole.

London, Sept. 2.—Most of the London afternoon papers refuse to credit Dr. Cook's discovery, basing their doubt chiefly on the fact that there was no witnesses aside from Eskimos. Their tone of bitter disappointment is strikingly disclosed in the statement that if Cook has found the north pole, these are nothing left in the way of scientific accomplishments for Englishmen. "As Blériot has flown across the English channel."

In this storm of doubt one figure stands out in strong support of Dr. Cook's claim. He is Lieutenant Ernest Shackleton, the English Antarctic explorer, who came within 111 miles of reaching the south pole and the one Englishman, who if prompted by jealousy, would, have more reason to assail Dr. Cook's claims than any other. He praises Cook and lauds his work of discovery.

LINER AFIRE

For Four Days the Crew Fought Smoldering Fire In the Hold

New York, September 2.—While the Atlantic Transport line steamship Minneapolis was in midocean, a fire was discovered in the fore part of the hold, according to a cablegram received here, and although the crew fought the flames for four days before subduing it, the passengers knew nothing about it until the ship reached Tilbury, the port for London, yesterday.

While the fire was in progress the Minneapolis sent wireless calls for aid. The steamship Vanderland picked up three calls and hurried to the side of the Minneapolis, standing by her for twelve hours when, her help not being needed, she proceeded on her way. The Minneapolis left New York on August 21. She carried only first class passengers and below decks she is designed to carry large numbers of live stock.

PAYING FOR THEIR LIBERTY

Puerto Cortes, Costa Rica, Sept. 2.—There are widely credited reports that a colony of seventy-five fugitives from justice, many of whom are millionaires who are wanted in the United States, has spent over \$100,000 in preventing an extradition treaty becoming effective between the United States and Honduras.

CHRONOLOGY OF POLE DASHES

1596 --- Barentz, Dutch reached latitude 79.40, 713 miles from the pole.
1607 --- Hudson, English; latitude 80.23, 664 miles.
1790 --- Phipps, English; latitude 89.48, 635 miles.
1806 --- Shoresby, English; latitude 81.30, 587 miles.
1827 --- Parry, English; latitude 82.45, 560 miles.
1854 --- Kane, American; latitude 80.30, 645 miles.
1876 --- Nares, English; latitude 83.20, 460 miles.
1882 --- Greeley, American; latitude 83.24, 455 1-2 miles.
1895 --- Nansen, Norwegian; latitude 86.14, 260 miles.
1900 --- Abruzzi, Italian; latitude 86.33, 235 miles.
1906 --- Peary, American; latitude 87.06, 201 1-2 miles.
1908 --- Cook, American; latitude 90, at the pole.
1909 --- Peary, American, tried for pole, not yet heard from.

IS INSANE

Alice Webb Duke, Former Mistress of Millions Police Court

Chicago, September 2.—In the unkempt, illusion-haunted woman whose feverish lips answered to the name of Alice Webb Duke in Judge Gimmell's court here yesterday, there was little to remind the spectators of the former wife of Brodie L. Duke, the millionaire tobacco man.

Mrs. Duke was arrested Tuesday, charged with having failed to pay a forty-dollar automobile bill. In her cell she was snatched from grand jurors, Judge Gimmell, on the statement of a physician that the defendant is insane, held her for examination in the county court.

"Does that mean that I am irrevocably insane?" pleaded the woman.

"No, no not at all," answered the judge softly. The former mistress of millions was brought into court by a policeman. In her well-worn brown skirt, soiled shirt waist, and neglected coiffure, which she attempted to smooth occasionally with a grimy hand, she was part and parcel of the sordid police court picture.

Led to the bar, the woman raised her long thin arms in a gesture of supplication, and in a low but audible voice repeated the Lord's prayer. Then she began singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," in a remarkably sweet voice.

"I lost my voice last month—my beautiful voice—because I was nearly starved, but the shock of my arrest brought it back to me," she explained to the court.

Judge Gimmell asked her a few questions to which she returned replies to the effect that she is worth millions and that there is a plot against her life.

HEROINE

Young Woman Carries Paralyzed Man From Burning House

New York, Sept. 2.—Miss Evelyn Bedell, nineteen, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Bernstein, 930 Madison street, Brooklyn, is today the recipient of congratulations for her courageous act in saving the life of Mr. Bernstein last night, when the house took fire.

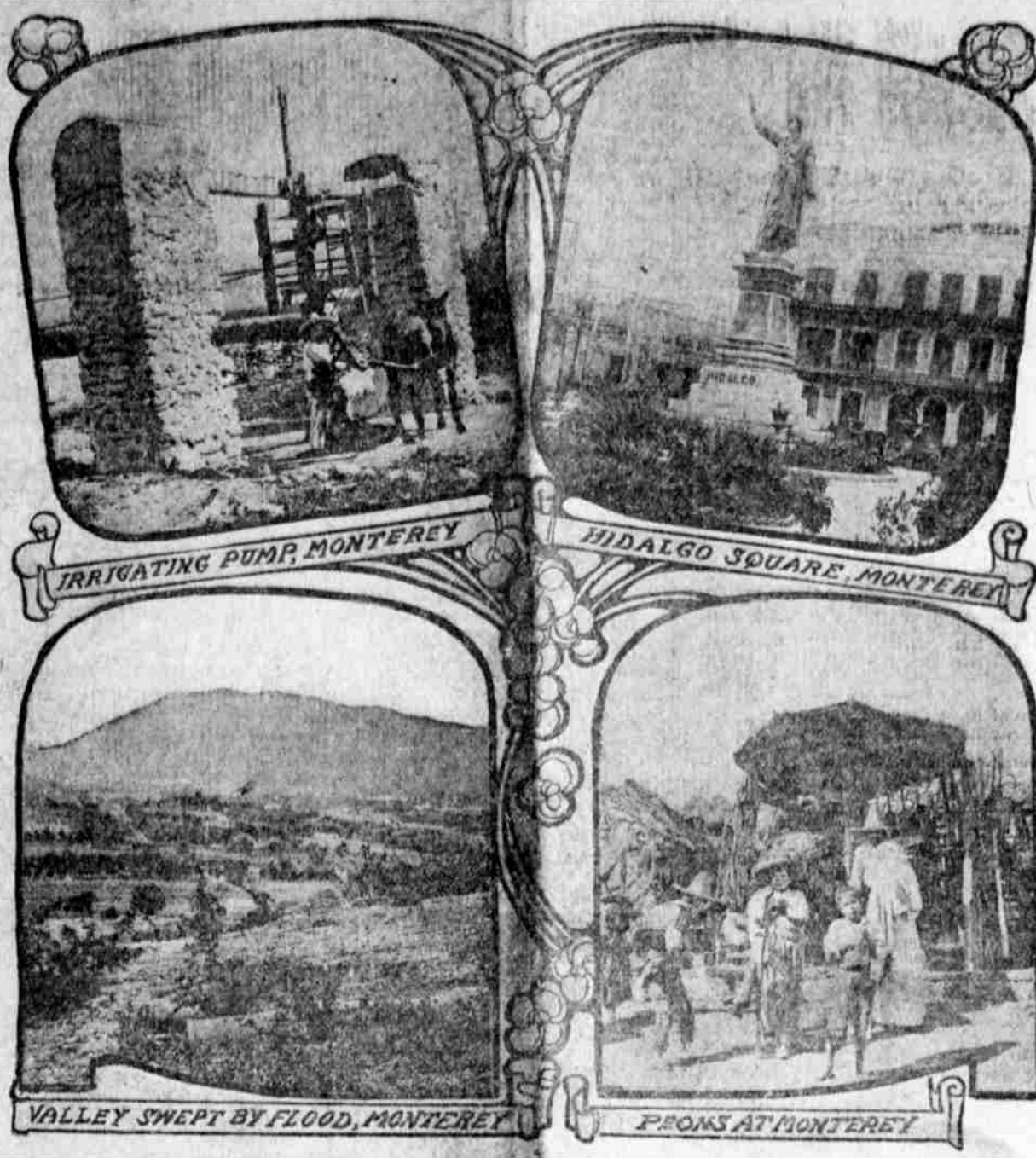
Bernstein is blind and a paralytic, and when Miss Bedell returned from the theater shortly after midnight she found the house filled with smoke. Rushing to the bedroom of Mr. Bernstein, she found him sitting on the side of the bed trying in vain to escape. She carried the helpless man through the smoke and flames to the street.

Meantime Mrs. Bernstein, partly overcome by the smoke, was endeavoring to make her way to her husband's room but the firemen arrived and took her to the street.

COTTAGES BURN

Middle Bass Island is Visited by Fire—Some Have Close Calls

Sandusky, O., Sept. 2.—Four of the finest summer cottages at fashionable Middle Bass island were destroyed early this morning by a fire which, for a time, threatened to wipe out every building on the island. The entire watering place was



VIEWS IN AND AROUND MONTEREY, WHERE HUNDREDS OF LIVES WERE LOST IN GREAT FLOOD.

Twelve hundred persons lost their lives, 20,000 were rendered homeless and \$15,000,000 worth of property was destroyed in the great flood in and around Monterey, Mexico, when the Santa Catarina river overflowed its banks. The greater part of Monterey and much of the surrounding country were cut off from the outside world, and famine quickly followed, adding to the horror of the situation. The old battlefield, which was a rich agricultural section, was swept by the torrent and all the crops destroyed. The poor section of the city was cut off from the main part of the town, and many of the inhabitants were reduced to the point of starvation before supplies could reach them. Many miles of railway track were wiped out, the flood being the most serious that had visited the valley in fifty years.

saved from destruction by fire fighting apparatus, which was brought from Put-In-Bay island by the steamer Arrow. Volunteer firemen manning this apparatus stopped the progress of the flames.

The cottages burned were owned by W. R. Hale, of Cleveland; James Rogers, of Toledo; James C. Hall, of Toledo, and J. W. Stoddard, of Dayton. The loss is estimated at \$2500.

The fire started in the Rogers cottage at 2:30 o'clock and was probably caused by a spark from a grate left burning on account of the coldness of the night. The first floor was in flames when the smoke awoke, a maid on the second floor. She called to others, but they did not answer. Then she groped her way into their rooms and found them half overcome by smoke. Seizing a pail of water she dashed it into the sleepers' faces and aroused them. They were barely able to escape in their night clothing.

WANTS A LOAN

Turkey will Ask Americans to Advance Her Thirty Millions

Constantinople Turkey Sept. 2.—The Turkish government has decided to send personal representatives to the United States to negotiate government loans, of \$30,000,000. When the new regime took command it found the treasury practically depleted by Sultan Abdul Hamid. Money is badly needed to carry on contemplated improvements and pay salaries of soldiers and government employees.

OLD LOVE

Fremont Man Elopes With Woman From Whom He was Divorced

Chicago, Sept. 2.—Henry Strine of Fremont, Ohio, eloped to St. Joseph, Michigan, and renewed the marriage life which was broken off by a divorce, twenty-seven years ago. Information of the marriage was obtained when the couple returned today.

The Strines were united in marriage thirty years ago. Two children were born and both are now married and living in Chicago. Trouble arose and a separation followed. Twenty-seven years ago a divorce granted. The wife brought the children to Chicago and the husband stayed in Fremont. Recently Strine visited his wife and son, Lloyd. Here the short second courtship terminated in an elopement.

FORMER SHAH BLAMES RUSSIA

Hints at Intrigue and Treachery in Developments in Persia

TALKS TO NEWSPAPER MAN

Says He was Misled to Russia

Thought Move Would Save Throne

Prefers to Wander Through Persia as a Simple Dervish to Being Ex-patriated—Former High Persian Officials, Relatives of the Former Shah Have Been Exiled for Life.

St. Petersburg, September 2.—The Russian Slovo publishes an interview with its correspondent at Teheran had with the deposed Shah of Persia, who is now a refugee at the Russian legation at Zanzibar. The former ruler of Persia complained, according to the correspondent, that his abdication was due to intrigue and treachery, hinting broadly at Russian and British diplomacy.

"I came here," the ex-Shah continued, "as I was given to understand that this step would save the throne, appease the people and prevent bloodshed. I sent a telegram to the Emperor of Russia bespeaking his intercession with my people. I was willing to comply with the demands presented by the representatives of my people. To my surprise, I found myself almost a prisoner here and soon I was told that my abdication had been accepted. Had I remained another day at my residence at Baghshah, events would have taken a different turn."

In conclusion the former Shah said he would prefer to wander through Persia as a simple dervish than be ex-patriated.

Teheran, September 2.—A number of former high Persian officials, including an uncle of the ex-Shah and Hadji Ismail, director of the mint, fifteen men all told, have been sentenced to exile for life. These men are now refugees at the Turkish and Russian legations; they were neither present nor defended at the trials at which they were convicted.

FAMOUS PAINTING IS BROUGHT BACK

New York, Sept. 2.—The wheels of fate are moving again in the Gould family history. The famous Cyp painting, "Horsemen in a Hilly Land scene," bought from Wertheimer in Paris about 1896 by Count Boni de Anna Gould's money and given to Castiglione with about \$200,000 of

him later to Art Dealer Kann to square a debt, has been brought up by the Duveen brothers for George Gould, who is paying around \$250,000 for it.

George Gould always was a great admirer of the Cyp and was exceedingly angry when Boni let it go out of the family. He kept a keen eye on its whereabouts and when Maurice Kann died, deputized Henry Dupon to buy it at the disposal by auction of the famous collection.

RISKS LIFE TO SAVE HER DOG

New York, Sept. 2.—Trying to save her dog, which stood in the middle of the tracks barking at a rapidly coming trolley car, Miss Mae Peterson twenty-two, was struck and hurled twenty feet at Rockaway Beach.

The motorman stopped his car quickly and with the assistance of several passengers carried the young woman into a drug store, where emergency relief was administered and a hurried call sent to St. Joseph's hospital.

The girl's skull was fractured but it was said at the hospital she will recover. The dog was unhurt.

600 KILLED

Southwest Java Swept by Floods Following a Cloud Burst

Batavia, Java, Sept. 2.—Floods, following a cloudburst wiped out the town of Bozoni in southwest Java. Reports today place the number of dead at 600. Railway bridges were destroyed and communication with the southern end of the island is cut off. Thousands of natives are fleeing north to escape with their lives, their homes were destroyed and crops upon which they depend for livelihood are ruined. The property damage will be enormous.

ANOTHER ONE

Artist Earl is Now in Europe With Affinity Number Two

New York, Sept. 2.—Followers here of the school of philosophy advocated by Ferdinand Pinney Earle and friends of the Monroe artist, yesterday declared that the friendship between Earle and Miss Gertrude Buell Dunn with whom he is reported to be traveling in Europe, is absolutely of a platonic nature. It is purely "union of souls," they say, with no thought of marriage or relations approaching marriage.

Ferdinand Pinney Earle came to notoriety in September, 1907, when he announced that he and his first wife, who was Miss E. M. Fischbach, had agreed that their souls were not in tune. Mrs. Earle obtained a

divorce and the artist married Miss Julia Kuttner, a young settlement worker, who has been living at his home in Monroe, before he and wife separated. Mrs. Kuttner-Earle is now suing him for a divorce on the ground that he was never properly divorced from his first wife.

Earle and Miss Dunn first met at the house of members of their cult near Norwalk, Conn., last spring. Since then their companionship has been almost constant and a week ago, it is said they sailed for Europe. Earle and Miss Dunn, their friends, say, found their first mutual interest in the artist's proposition to turn his large house at Monroe into an asylum for foundlings. For the discussion of this proposition, it is said, they spent two weeks together at Monroe, Miss Dunn being accompanied by a chaperon.

DECREASES

Deficit in Treasury is Not So Great as at the End of July

Washington, Sept. 1.—There was a deficit of \$7,411,728 in the ordinary receipts and disbursements of the Treasury Department for the month of August, as compared with a deficit of \$13,103,949 for July.

As the greater number of the general appropriations become available for the use of the various branches of the government during July, the first month of the fiscal year, the reduction in the deficit in August is largely accounted for. There was also a smaller deficit in the receipts and disbursements for the construction of the Panama Canal, the shortage being \$3,070,213 for July and \$2,004,127 for August. From the customs the Treasury Department received \$28,598,625 for August, while the receipts from the same source in July were \$29,963,161. During August \$19,718,768 was received from the internal revenue taxes, and \$2,773,383 was obtained from miscellaneous sources.

The postal deficiency for August amounted to \$3,000,000, as compared with half that amount for July. The War Department used over \$12,000,000 during the last month while the maintenance of the navy called for a little more than \$10,000,000.

The public debt less the cash balance in the treasury at the beginning of business today was \$1,047,527,211. This does not include \$1,343,211,869 in certificates and treasury notes offset by cash in the Treasury.

MANY KILLED

Turks and Montenegrins Fight a Fierce Battle on the Border

Pera Turkey Sept. 2.—As the culmination of a long series of border forays between the Turks and Montenegrins, a pitched battle occurred near Gusink a city in Turkish territory near the Montenegrin border, in which 4,000 armed Turks fought 3,000 Montenegrins. The fight continued for several days and heavy losses are reported on both sides.

Five Turkish women who were wounded by Montenegrins was captured and being carried off into Montenegrin territory, where subjected to gross indignation. Armed forces are camped on opposite sides of the frontier now and reinforcements are awaited and when they arrive a decisive battle is expected.

FUNERAL PYRES

Bodies of Flood Victims are Burned in Monterey Streets

San Antonio Tex. Sept. 2.—A giant funeral pyre is burning in Monterey, Mexico, today, where following the orders of the federal health authorities, the bodies of the victims drowned in Sunday's flood are being cremated.

Fifteen hundred have been recovered and the complete death list, despatches say will reach over 10,000. Hundreds of bodies have been found in lagoons left by the floods below the city, and are decomposing. Sick ness has broken out so the authorities are making every effort to restore conditions hence the order for burning the bodies.

JUDGE SENEY DIES SUDDENLY

Toledo, O., Sept. 2.—Former Congressman and Common Pleas Judge Henry W. Seney, aged 62 of Tiffin, died suddenly here today of paralysis

SAYS HE NEEDS HIS HORSES

Unable to Properly Do His Work Unless He Raises Arabians

DAVENPORT MAKES A PLEA

Great Cartoonist is Sued for Alimony

Claims His Wife Was Most Extravagant

Davenport Has an Arabian Horse Farm Which Proves a Very Expensive Luxury but He Claims He Would Not be Able to Stand Up to His Work as an Artist if He were Deprived of His Pleasure and Recreation.

New York, Sept. 2.—In an affidavit filed in the supreme court yesterday in opposition to the application of his wife, Daisy B. Davenport, for alimony at the rate of \$150 a week pending the determination of her suit for a divorce, Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, set forth that although his gentle pastime of raising thoroughbred Arabian horses has been a most expensive luxury it is a necessary inspiration for his artistic temperament. In this connection he added:

"I feel that I need it (the Arabian stud farm at Goshen) for my physical health and mental health and without which I believe that I would be unable to do my work."

A little further along in his talk Davenport set forth that his wife had been very extravagant and cited as an example of her alleged extravagance that in one week she bought from one merchant seventeen pairs of shoes.

Samuel I. Frankenstein, counsel for Davenport, told Justice Giegerich of the supreme court that, in considering Mrs. Davenport's application for alimony, based upon the assertion that her husband was in receipt of a salary of \$15,000 a year, the court should hear in mind that Davenport was losing money on raising Arabian horses.

"Your honor should not deprive Mr. Davenport of his recreation, which, though a costly one, is necessary to keep his art up to the standard," said the lawyer.

"Artists must have such relaxations as to appeal to them. Your honor should also take into consideration the fact that Mr. Davenport owes some \$22,000, which he is paying off at the rate of \$100 a week and that he needs \$7,000 a year for his personal wants. It is not for the court to say that Mr. Davenport must be deprived of his personal recreation, his Arabian horses, for without them he could not work."

The justice reserved decision.

CLAIMS SHARE

Detroit Woman Wants \$400,000 of "Silent" Smith's Money

Chicago, Sept. 2.—Mrs. Agnes M. Melody, a widow employed by the Detroit board of education and said to be related by adoption to the heirs of the late James E. ("Silent") Smith has brought suit in the circuit court to recover real and personal property valued in excess of \$400,000. The Illinois Trust & Savings bank is defendant to the suit and executor of the estate.

James Smith, Mrs. Melody's grandfather by adoption, died at San Jose, Cal., in 1872. The income of his property was to be paid to his son, William B. Smith, until he reached his majority. The property finally passed to William Birnie Smith and the will also provided that in case of his death it was to pass to George S. Smith.

Mrs. Melody says she was adopted by William B. Smith and his wife in 1889. William B. Smith died in 1895, when Mrs. Melody was sixteen. Mrs. Melody said the money was paid over to the defendant bank, and she further states that in June, 1908, she was paid \$10,000 which she was told the heirs of William B. Smith had given her. She also says she signed several papers at the time.

WILL REPRODUCE THE LAST STAND

Pierre, S. D. Sept. 2.—Captain Dewell and the other officers and men of Company B of the state troops will play the part of Custer and his men in the historical reproduction of "Custer's Last Stand," which will be put on in this city during the registration for the Cheyenne Indian reservation lands.

The commander of the Indian forces will be Chief Iron Lightning, one of the leaders in the Custer massacre. The Indian Department has given authority for the use of Iron Lightning and his men, and more than 100 Indians, in all their war regalia, will be under his command.